



Today's Agenda | Saturday, April 20, 2013

Time	Activity	Room
8:45 – 9:00 AM	Opening Announcements & Light Refreshments	Library
9:00 – 10:00 AM	★ Opening Keynote: Connecting Classroom and Community with PBL	Library
Block 1 10:00 – 11:00 AM	Go Big or Go Home: Integrating Big Huge Labs into Your Curriculum	Library
	★ Collaborative Learning Cultures - Educational Leaders to Learn From	E165B
Block 2 11:00 – 12:00 PM	★ Globalizing Gen Z through Social Media and Web Tools	Library
	★ Got traDIGions?	E165B
12:00 – 1:00 PM	<i>Lunch, DEN Community Overview</i>	
	★ Midday Keynote: Imagining Future Friendly Schools: Technology, Global Citizenship, and Student Voice	Library
Block 3 1:00 – 2:00 PM	Consumer to Creator: Student Engagement with Discovery Education	Library
	Using Digital Storytelling to Create Geography Themed Paper Slide Videos	E165B
Block 4 2:00 – 3:00 PM	★ Cultivating Cultures of Curiosity	Library
	★ Connect, Communicate, and Assess with InfuseLearning & Socrative	E165B
3:00 PM	Closing & Prizes	Library

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Session Descriptions | the ★ denotes a virtual session

Keynote Presentations:

Connecting Classroom and Community with PBL

Presenter: Suzie Boss

Take learning beyond the classroom and into the wider world by applying the practices of project-based learning. PBL is gaining traction globally as a strategy for deeper learning and heightened student engagement. Communities benefit, too, when students focus their problem-solving abilities on real-world challenges. We'll take a closer look at projects that connect students with their communities, both locally and globally, and share practical tips and tools to help you with your PBL journey.

Imagining Future Friendly Schools: Technology, Global Citizenship, and Student Voice

Presenter: Michael Furdyk

Michael Furdyk will take us through his decade-long journey with TakingITGlobal, creating an online network engaging millions of youth in taking action on the world's greatest challenges. He will share stories of educators collaborating to engage their students in challenge-based learning, and explore what it means to be a Future Friendly School in this complex, rapidly-changing world.

Concurrent Sessions:

Go Big or Go Home: Integrating Big Huge Labs into Your Curriculum

Block 1

Presenter: Heather Hurley, DEN Leadership Council, Arlington County Public Schools

Come learn about this oldie but goodie Web 2.0 tool that lets you use images to create things like trading cards, magazine covers and motivational posters. Learn how you can use this tool and Discovery images with your students to make learning more motivational and meaningful.

Collaborative Learning Cultures - Educational Leaders to Learn From

Block 1

Presenter: Sandy Hirtz

Collaborative learning cultures help us build networks beyond our own individual walls to evolve from individual learners to a community in which knowledge is shared, developed and applied and practice is deprivatized. This session will explore "learning from leaders" best practices for incorporating digital resources into the curriculum, for using data to personalize learning, for integrating high-tech strategies to raise student achievement, and for leveraging online tools for effective communication and collaboration.

Globalizing Gen Z through Social Media and Web Tools

Block 2

Presenter: Kathy Beck

A session that explores web tools aligned with Bloom's Digital Taxonomy, connecting Common Core, ITES/NETS standards, and research skills while showcasing collaboration tools for 21st century global student competence. Educators will benefit from understanding these connections and exposure to web tools and strategies to integrate into instruction.

Got traDIGions?

Block 2

Presenter: David Fisher

We all have traditions. From the way we open our classrooms every fall, to the way we introduce that first collaborative project, to the first novel we read with our students. Traditions help us become the educators we are, and help us become the educators we are going to be in the future. Traditions, as we know, change over time and those changes will change us too. The question that now arises is this: Got traDIGions? You know, those great technology ideas you use with your students and with your peers that make your classroom what it is, and make you who you are. traDIGions - the ways you connect yourself to your students, friends, colleagues, and the world. Let's explore some great traDIGions together! Looking beyond the norm, we'll discover that there are great traDIGions out there that help us stay connected to our students, our school, our community, and to our digital community.

Consumer to Creator: Student Engagement with Discovery Education

Block 3

Presenter: Max Brooks, Discovery Education

Put the power of learning at your student's fingertips through our redesigned Student Center. With unique logins, students can browse grade-specific content and access personalized assignments. In this session, we will demonstrate new ways to deliver resources to motivate students, engage higher order thinking, and achieve curriculum learning goals with the support of the Discovery Education Classroom Manager, the all new Board Builder, and Builder Tools.

Using Digital Storytelling to Create Geography Themed Paper Slide Videos

Block 3

Presenter: Sheryl Roberts, DEN Leadership Council, Prince William County Public Schools

Join us as we explore how paper slide videos can be used as a digital storytelling tool to create student led projects. In my classroom, to give students a framework of how to set up their projects, we used [The Five Themes of Geography](#). It was a great way to tell the important characteristics of the West region.

NOTE: Paper Slide videos were created by Dr. Lodge McCammon who is a specialist in Curriculum and Contemporary Media at the Friday Institute at NC State University. He developed a teaching and professional development process called FIZZ which encourages and models best practices in implementing user-generated video and online publishing in the classroom to enhance standards-based lessons. He is also a studio composer who writes standard-based songs, with supporting materials, about advanced curriculum for K-12 classrooms.

Cultivating Cultures of Curiosity

Block 4

Presenter: Jason Flom

Like ecosystems, communities are complex and interrelated. Unlike ecosystems, communities have the potential to cultivate and sustain cultures of practice that spur innovation and transform learning, and by proxy outcomes for those who matter most -- students. However, disrupting the predictive characteristics of race, economic status, gender, and cognitive profiles necessitates we approach "problems" differently. Rather than ask, "How can we close the achievement gap?" we might wonder "What does learning that matters to (our) students look like?" Join me in exploring the power of questions to rethink, reshape and realign your community around the kind of critical curiosity that shifts paradigms and brings about transformative learning experiences for students and educators alike.

Connect, Communicate, and Assess with InfuseLearning & Socrative

Block 4

Presenter: Dave Tchozewski

Tools for assessing student understanding and learning are abundant. For years, a popular tool has been a dedicated student response device or “clicker”. However, as a single function device, clickers can be pretty costly and have been bypassed as an assessment tool. Now educators have two other options to instantly connect and communicate with their students; InfuseLearning and Socrative. These free web-based solutions are terrific options with a growing number of students having access to smartphones, tablets, or computers. In this session, InfuseLearning and Socrative will be demonstrated and compared. Participants will have an opportunity to experience both the teacher and student elements of these powerful digital tools.

Miscellaneous Event Logistics

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An innovative project from the Discovery Educator Network that encourages students and educators to connect to DE resources and each other.



DEN Blog Network

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The DEN Blog is a wonderful resource of information. Hundreds of DEN members from across the globe are sharing best practices on a daily basis.



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